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FIXING AT LEAST ONE FLEXIBLE)
FABRIC AS WELL AS HOUSING RAIL)
FOR A FILLER SECTION - Being a)
Continuation of PCT International)
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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and cited in the international search report. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. Swiss Patent Publication No. 364382
2. German Patent Publication No. 2250637

3. French Patent Publication No. 2.218.793

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this U.S. continuation application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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